BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 94-621-C - ORDER NO. 96-560

AUGUST 19, 1996

IN RE: Application of Cherry Communications, ORDER Inc. for a Certificate of Public REMOVING Convenience and Necessity for Authority PROBATIONARY to Provide Resold Intrastate Inter-STATUS AND exchange Telecommunications Services GRANTING PERMANENT within the State of South Carolina. STATUS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of further consideration of the status of Cherry Communications, Inc. (Cherry or the Company) pursuant to Order No. 95-1362 issued on July 13, 1995. That Order granted to Cherry a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity on a one year probationary basis, counted from the date of the Order. The Order stated that during that period, the Commission Staff (the Staff) would closely monitor the operations and service of the Company and at or near the end of the period, the Commission will consider whether or not to allow Cherry to retain its authority on a permanent basis. The one year probationary period has now elapsed.

The Commission notes that its Staff has received no complaints on this Company. The Commission therefore believes that the probationary status of Cherry should be removed, and that Cherry's Certificate should be granted on a permanent basis.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)